

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

VAOGA COLEMAN JEFFERSON,
Plaintiff,
v.
HDSP CORRECTIONAL, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No.: 2:24-cv-01948-RFB-BNW

ORDER

(ECF Nos. 4, 5, 6)

I. DISCUSSION

On October 31, 2024, the Court directed Plaintiff to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the \$405 filing fee. (ECF No. 3). In response, Plaintiff filed three incomplete applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF Nos. 4, 5, 6). Plaintiff did not include his prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period with any of his applications to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and every financial certificate that Plaintiff submitted is incomplete.

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her

1 obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments.
2 See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

3 As explained above, Plaintiff's applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* are
4 incomplete. The Court will grant Plaintiff an extension of time to either pay the filing fee
5 or file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, including a complete
6 financial certificate and a copy of Plaintiff's prison or jail trust fund account statement for
7 the previous six-month period.

8 **II. CONCLUSION**

9 For the foregoing reasons, it is ordered that Plaintiff's incomplete applications to
10 proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF Nos. 4, 5, 6) are DENIED without prejudice.

11 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the approved form
12 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the document entitled
13 information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

14 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until February 10, 2025**, to either pay the full
15 \$405 filing fee or file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

16 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
17 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff
18 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a
19 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

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21 DATED THIS 10 day of January 2025.

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24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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